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In response to correspondence mailed May 21, 2002, we respectfully request teconsideration of the determination that the subject matter of the above identified application would be useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy as recited in 42 U.S.C. §2182.

The instant application deals specifically with the use of certain antibodies to treat various diseases associated with TNF (Tumor Necrosis Factor) activation. Within the specification there are references to the use of certain radioactive isotopes (for example, see p. 75, ln 13-18). It is submitted that the use of these commercially available isotopes in this context is a standard technique in biology and is well known in the art. It is respectfully submitted that the application does not appear to disclose, purport to disclose, or disclose any invention or discovery that is

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related to atomic energy which would warrant report to the Department of Energy. It is therefor requested that the requirement for a property rights statement by the inventors under MPEP 151 be removed.

Respectfully submitted,

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